Mountain Weather Forecast

Mourne Mountains

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 30 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Thursday 31 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 30 Dec 2020 at 02:16

Confidence: High for a continuation of cold weather over the coming days. Lower for arrival of brighter conditions through both Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Headline for Wednesday 30 Dec 2020: Cold and windy with poor visibility at least until afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 30 Dec 2020

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 700m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
	FOG				FOG
Cloudy	Fog	Cloudy	Sunny	Partly cloudy (night)	Fog
Precipitation probability					
00%	00%	00%	00%	20%	30%

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Weather: A cold but predominantly dry day dominated by areas of low cloud shrouding the tops, especially through the morning. Cloud will likely break through afternoon to allow some weak sunshine. Chance of a few snow showers after dark as winds strengthen.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 700m: 10% increasing 60% by afternoon as extensive cloud above around 500m lifts and breaks. Decreasing 10% again towards midnight.

Visibility: Poor on summits until afternoon, otherwise good, but some reductions in showers

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	21/31 NW	20/28 NW	19/26 NW	19/27 NW	21/29 NW	23/34 NW	27/39 NW
300	8/18 NW	10/20 NW	11/19 NW	11/20 NW	11/21 NW	14/26 NW	16/29 NW
Valley	8/19 NW	10/20 NW	11/19 NW	10/19 NW	10/20 NW	12/24 NW	14/27 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	-3/-10	-3/-10	-3/-10	-2/-10	-3/-10	-3/-11	-3/-11
300	-1/-5	-1/-6	-0/-5	0/-5	-1/-6	-1/-7	-1/-7
Valley	-0/-4	-1/-5	1/-4	1/-3	-0/-5	-1/-6	-0/-6
Freezing Level*	100m	100m	200m	300m	200m	100m	100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Be aware of strengthening winds through evening. Feeling bitterly cold on highest ground.

Forecast for Thursday 31 Dec 2020

Weather: Rather dull with passing snow showers through the morning and plenty of cloud across the hills. A brighter, drier afternoon looks likely with some sunshine possible. Risk of further snowfall increases after dark.

Maximum wind: Northwest 25-30 gusting up to 40mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 700m: 20% rising 70% from mid afternoon as cloud above 400m lifts.

Visibility: Some mist and fog in the valleys through morning. Less than a kilometre above modest height, and occasionally to lower levels in snow. Chance of some afternoon brightness.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Around freezing, rising to 3 Celsius.
At 700m: Minus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: 300m rising 600m.

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